GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF CMS ON TERRORISM
Chaliha Shri Kirip

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of Chief Ministers(CMs) of States was held recently to discuss the internal security situation including naxalism and terrorism;

(b) if so,the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof;and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes,Sir.A Conference of the Chief Ministers on Internal Security was held on 20.12.2007 to discuss the internal security situation in the country.

(b) & (c): The issues discussed in the Conference include,need for increasing the number of police stations,filling up existing vacancies in State police,increasing expenditure on policing, upgradation of training facilities etc.;enhancement of allocations under the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Force;revamping and strengthening of Special Branches of State Police; Police Modernisation Scheme;creation of a federal agency; raising specialized battalions of CRPF to counter naxalite violence, etc.

The suggestions,like enactment of adequate laws to counter terrorism/naxalism; setting up of a separate university for training policemen,raising of special battalions trained in jungle warfare;providing Central Para-Military Forces free of cost to the States affected by naxalism; expediting fencing of international borders,etc. are under various stages of consideration and action of the level of the Central Government.

Furthermore,law and order being a State subject the State Governments have been asked to take suitable action to deal with internal security/naxalism/terrorism issues.